GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3557
ANSWERED ON:18.04.2005
RESTORATION OF ECOLOGY
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of policy being implemented to restore the ecology in the country;

(b) whether the Government has made any study regarding the ecology restoration of certain areas of the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) the further action taken in the matter so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) The Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 provides a framework for declaration of various areas as ecologically fragile/eco-sensitive with a view to arresting ecological degradation and restoring the ecosystem. This is achieved through ecological development of such areas, and by regulating setting up of industries and other developmental activities in accordance with provisions of the aforesaid Act.

In addition to the above measures, G.B. Pant Institute of Himalayan Environment and Development (GBPIHED) under the Ministry of Environment and Forests has been set up to advance scientific knowledge, to evolve integrated management strategies and demonstrate their efficacy for conservation of natural resources, and to ensure environmentally sound development in the entire Indian Himalayan region (IHR).

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The GBPIHED has undertaken a number of studies for ecological restoration and biodiversity conservation in selected areas in the IHR. The details are given in the Annexure.

(d) Ecological restoration work through plantation of suitable trees and other crops and also through soil and water conservation measures is continuing in the sites mentioned in the Annexure.

Annexure
ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (b) and (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3557 DUE FOR REPLY ON 18.04.2005

List of Studies carried out by G.B. Pant Institute of Himalayan Environment and Development (GBPIHED) :-

1. Restoration of degraded lands of identified villages in Almora (Munao, Katarmal villages), Bageshwar (Arah village, Bhetagda-Garurganga watershed) and Pauri (Dobh-Srikot village, Dugar Gad watershed) districts of Uttaranchal.

2. Restoration of wastelands in Bhiri-Banswara (Chamoli District, Uttaranchal)

3. Restoration of selected landslide sites in Almora district using mountain risk engineering technique.

4. Restoration of Badrivan at Badrinath shrine (in Uttaranchal) using sacred and cultural values.

5. Restoration of degraded lands of some school premises in the identified schools of Kumaun region (Uttaranchal).

6. Restoration of degraded lands in Mamlay watershed in Sikkim state.

7. Restoration of degraded lands in Chakkinal watershed in Himachal Pradesh.

8. Restoration of degraded land in Midhpu, Itanagar (Arunachal Pradesh)